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SUBJECT:RENEWAL OF THE NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE AGREEMENT

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE NOTICE TO THE PRESS MADE
AVAILABLE AT THE WHITE HOUSE MAY 9:

1. THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA HAVE AGREED TO RENEW THE
NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE (NORAD) AGREEMENT FOR AN
ADDITIONAL FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. THE RENEWAL TOOK PLACE
YESTERDAY THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES AT THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE.

2. THE PRESIDENT WELCOMES THE RENEWAL OF THE NORAD AGREE-
MENT CONTINUING THROUGH 1980 COOPERATION BETWEEN CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE DEFENSE OF THE NORTH
AMERICAN CONTINENT. AS THE NOTES EXCHANGED TODAY INDICATE,
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THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA REMAIN CONVINCED THAT SUCH

COOPERATION, CONDUCTED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, REMAINS VITAL TO THEIR MUTUAL
SECURITY, COMPATIBLE WITH THEIR NATIONAL INTERESTS AND AN
IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THEIR NATO CONTRIBUTION. KISSINGER

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